

HOME AND COUNTY.

Children's Service in Grace Church.

Christmas-tide in the Episcopal church in this village has been a season both pleasant and memorable, while most delightful of all, to the children, was the singing of carols, the lesson and the service on Friday evening. In addition to the carols, an interesting address was given by the Rector (Rev. G. H. Watson), from the text—"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." In it he told the beautiful legend of the Christ child coming upon the earth at each succeeding Christmas "to see how men have welcomed those whom He gave as an especial legacy into their tenderest keeping," and drew from it practical lessons for all his hearers. This was followed by the singing of the carol, "We Three Kings of Orient are," which was finely rendered; and then came the distribution of gifts from the beautiful tree, which, doubtless, had hitherto been the chief object of interest for young eyes. The presents, given by each teacher to his or her class, were useful and pleasing, so far as we could see, and we are sorry for the child who could not be delighted with them. Another carol, and then the prizes were distributed. Twenty-two of the scholars received these for attendance, good lessons and deportment. Miss Addie Webb, the organist, was the recipient of a gift of books from the parish ladies—we did not learn what they were.

Lastly came the banner presented to the banner class (Mrs. Loomis'), to keep until the end of another year, a succeeding year some other class shall have proved more worthy of its possession. The banner is a beautiful one of red silk, bearing a gilt cross with the motto—"In hoc signo vinces." In this sign thou shalt conquer." The story of that sign and motto were told by the Rector in the presentation.

The church was well filled, and we think none who were there could have failed to be much interested in the exercises. The decorations of the church evince much taste and skill, are suggestive and beautiful, and cannot fail to please all who see them.

The Week of Prayer.

The officers of the different branches of the Evangelical Alliance have issued their annual programme of topics for the week of prayer, extending from January 5, 1873, to the 12th. The following are the subjects selected:

Sunday, Jan. 5.—Sermons. Subject: The foundation, security, and universal extension of the Christian church.

Monday, 6.—Devout acknowledgment: Remembrance of God's mercies to the nation, to families, and to the churches; providential and spiritual blessings to ourselves; confession of sin.

Tuesday, 7.—Prayer: For Christian churches; their increase in love, activity, fidelity to the truth, and the clearer manifestation of the unity of the faith; for ministers, missionaries, and evangelists.

Wednesday, 8.—Prayer: For families; for sons and daughters of Christian parents; for a blessing on home influence, and on the services and ordinances of "the Church of God," for schools, colleges, and universities; for children at sea or in foreign lands; for young men in business and professions; for servants; and for all in sickness and tribulation.

Thursday, 9.—Prayer: For nations; for kings, and all in authority; for the maintenance of peace; for increase of righteousness; for the spread of religious liberty; for the growth of sound knowledge; for contentment, concord, and good will among all classes; for the discernment of God's hand in national judgments; and for the removal of intemperance, immorality, and the sins which are an reproach to any people.

Friday, 10.—Prayer: For mankind; for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, and the spread of pure literature; for the overthrow of all forms of tyranny and oppression; for the removal of every form of Antichrist; for all prisoners and captives; and for the increase of that kingdom which is "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

Saturday, 11.—Prayer: For Sunday schools; for missionary, tract, and other religious societies; for the raising up and sending forth of more "laborers into his harvest"; and for the removal of hindrances to the spread of the Gospel, and the conversion of the world.

Sunday, 12.—Sermons: "Let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen."

Drawing of Jurors.

Following are lists of grand and petit jurors drawn in Oswego, to serve at the next Circuit Court and Court of Oyer and Terminer to be held in Oswego, commencing Monday, Jan. 13, at 10 a. m.:

GRAND JURORS.

T. B. Reynolds, Harvey Pellet, H. H. Merriam, Granby; Franklin Brackett, V. P. Hill, Hannibal; John Searls, New Haven; Thomas J. Brown, John O'Gorman, James McChesney, Thomas Murray, George H. Hess, Jeremiah Burke, Tracy Cornwell, John Ratigan, Oswego city; George G. Broed, Joseph Fish, Schroeppel; Schuyler Rhodes, Gardner Lawton, Samuel Ellsworth, Meigs Fish, Scriba; Norman Burdick, Elijah Baldwin, William B. Howard, Oliver Baldwin, Volney.

PETIT JURORS.

Wallace Brown, Granby; Isaac E. Hull, James G. Wilson, Jr., Hannibal; Thomas S. Dowd, Charles Eason, Willard W. Squires, Elton Howlett, New Haven; F. J. Coffinger, George Nipper, James Leclaire, Philip Miller, Leroy But, Oswego town; Ephraim Giles, Channey G. Shead, Alonzo Cooper, C. D. Middlebrook, James H. Stewart, John R. Pierce, Oswego city; Joseph McCooley, Oliver P. Jennings, John Wiltzie, Palermo; Sherman Flynn, James Scott, Charles Sherman, Schroeppel; John Donley, Herbert Stone, Jerome M. Blakely, James Parkhurst, Scriba; Myron Haven, Edward Co. D. D. Earnes, Aubrey D. Pettie, Silas Merritt, Volney.

THE SABBATH QUARTERLY MEETING Services of the Mexico M. E. Church having been deferred on account of the severe storm, they will be held on Sabbath next, Jan. 5. If the day should again be unfavorable they will be held the Sabbath following. The Love Feast will commence at 9 1/2 a. m., to be followed with the usual order. A very general attendance is urged.

Dec. 30, 1872. B. F. BARKER.

TO BE REPEATED.

WITH VARIATIONS!

At the Methodist Entertainment to-morrow evening the programme

before the Cantata will be

MATERIALLY CHANGED.

The Cantata will remain the

same with the exception

of some improvement

in the tableaux.

LET THE HOUSE BE CROWDED.

Dedication.

The Baptist Church in this village, which has been enlarged and entirely remodeled, will be dedicated to the service of Almighty God on Jan. 8th, 1873. Preaching at 1:30 p. m., by the Rev. M. G. Clarke, D. D., of New York, and also at 7 p. m., by Rev. I. Butterfield, of Oswego. All former pastors and members, and our friends generally are invited to attend.

On behalf of the Church and Society, L. MUZZY, Pastor.

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Central Plank Road Company, for the election of officers, will be held at the House of J. Hewitt, in Hastings, Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1873, at 11 o'clock a. m.

H. PALMER, Pres't of Co.

"SANTA CLAUS" DOING THE SUBTANTIAL.—Superintendent J. W. Moak, of the R. W. & O. R.R., received, through the medium of Santa Claus (or otherwise) an elaborately wrought silver, gold lined, tobacco box and a gold ring. Mrs. Moak received a beautiful and substantial Christmas present, from the railroad company in the shape of an elegant silver tea-set. We call this coming down handsomely in St. Nicholas, but it is strictly in accordance with Civil Service Reform—ability and efficiency recognized. We wish the genial Superintendent and family many returns of a like merry Christmas.

The report of the chief engineer of the army contains the following with reference to Fort Ontario, in charge of Major John M. Wilson, of the corps of engineers: This work protects the city from a sudden attack or coup de main, or the levy of a contribution by a small force of the enemy on shipboard. The work in progress upon the fort is the replacing of the olden timber scarp by more durable materials and the modification of the barbette for the heavy modern ordnance. Appropriation asked for next fiscal year, \$30,000. During the past year the force upon this work has been engaged completing the gallery in right flank of bastion E, continuing the gallery in left flank of bastion A, building the connection of gallery in bastion D to proposed magazine, and forming and sodding parapet on fronts Nos. 5 and 3. During the coming year it is proposed to complete the galleries in bastion A, and the parapet to the right, re-entering angle of that bastion, and to construct the gallery in the right flank of bastion C and the parapet to the salient of that bastion.

THE HUDSON (MICH.) POST.—published by our former partner—James M. Seaton—appears this week in a new dress. It is a handsome sheet, whose circulation is steadily increasing, and we congratulate our friend Seaton on his success. We know his aim is now, as it always has been since he assumed the editorial chair, to furnish a paper worthy the patronage of all who come within its influence; and we are glad to know that his friends in Hudson are beginning to appreciate his efforts. May his subscription list continue to lengthen.

PROHIBITION CONVENTION.—A circular has been issued for a mass state convention to be held in Syracuse on Wednesday, Jan. 15th, "for the purpose of more thoroughly and effectively organizing the prohibition party of the State of New York." All temperance men and Christians in sympathy with the object of this call, and willing to unite in an organization based upon the principles of the national prohibition party, are invited to be present and participate in the proceedings of the convention.

A NICE NEW YEAR'S PRESENT.—Yesterday morning Frank Carpenter made us a present of a door-plate, and when we say it was done in Frank's best style, our readers who know Frank's skill as a painter (and who does not in this section!) need not be told that it is a splendid one.

MR. C. C. Lester has returned from Peru, Kansas, on account of ill health.

DR. F. J. Pommer has a card in another column. He resides on French Street, near Colosse, and will answer all calls promptly, for medical or surgical attendance.

CHRIST CHURCH (Universalist).—Regular services every Sunday, at 2 o'clock p. m. All are invited. Seats free. Rev. James Vincent, Pastor.

—Frames for sale for "Wide Awake & Fast Asleep," at Ballard's Furniture store.

Go to Ballard's for your Oysters.

We make Tea a specialty, and all lovers of good tea can save money by buying of Ballard.

New Sheet Music at Virgil's.

The Methodist Entertainment.

Probably no more elaborate entertainment has been prepared in Mexico, than the one given in the Methodist church on New Year's Eve, and it was rewarded by a full house, and a delighted audience. The concert was opened punctually and closed at a seasonable hour. Everything had been so carefully prepared that there was no hesitancy, no delay, and we congratulate those who had the matter in charge, that, with so many characters to "bring into line," they were able so completely to accomplish this result.

It was our misfortune to be seated almost at the feet of the performers, consequently the tones and pictures had to us none of the softening effect which greater distance gives, yet they were fine and must have been much finer a little farther back.

The singing before the Cantata, chiefly by Messrs. Miller, Orris, Hunt, Barber and Willie Ballou, Mrs. S. A. Tuller, Mrs. Barber, and Mrs. H. C. Peck, was what we should expect from vocalists so trained and skilful, and it was in their happiest style. We heard a singer say that one of those pieces alone paid him for coming; it was "Kiss me, Mamma, for I'm going to sleep," of which Mrs. Tuller sang the solo so finely. The German song, by Mr. Miller and Miss Ida Saladin was well received—we have but one criticism to offer, and that is, we couldn't understand the words.

Through the evening Miss Ella Miller presided at the piano, and the success of the entertainment is largely due to her efficiency at the instrument.

With regard to the Cantata we can hardly do better than to refer our readers to the *Independent* of last week, in which we published the argument, and say that its performance was a decided success. The tableaux were very fine, and many voices were brought out, showing how diligent is the Methodist society in cultivating the musical talent of its youth. If any wish a better idea of the entertainment let them go to the Methodist church on Friday evening, when it will be repeated, for so great was the favor with which it was received, that nearly all in the house voted asking its repetition. People were in from distant neighborhoods and villages, all were not able to get into the house, and the receipts were \$160.

We bespeak for the entertainment a full house again to-morrow evening.—Those who saw and heard it once, can see and hear what in the multitude of objects, and sounds claiming attention they failed to notice the first time, those who did not go, can atone for their loss, and so the sooner will another bell from another steeple, blend, as we hope, its tones with those already heard in calling the people of this village to the house of prayer.

Letter from Gloversville, N. Y.

GLOVERSVILLE, Dec. 24, 1872. FRIEND HUMPHRIES.—Yesterday Christmas, business was in a great measure suspended, and those having leisure and fond of social intercourse were busily engaged in giving and receiving calls. Children were jubilant over the deposits of Santa Claus in their stockings the night previous, while those of mature years were exhibiting to "callers" the rich and beautiful presents they had been the recipients of. Wine, so far as I can learn, was not among the gifts offered by the fair hostesses to their guests on their joyful subscription of "Merry Christmas." The day was clear and cold, which gave all pedestrians a ruddy look, with just snow enough to make fine sleighing; and those young Jesus who were seated behind a 240 steed, with their fair partners, who were shielded from the biting frost in rich and fashionable furs, and all encased in capacious robes, seemed to care but little where the mercury ranged.

Madam Fashion is well patronized here, and the rich and fashionable costumes of the ladies will compare well with any place of its social status. This is a very busy place, and every body is industrious, having a less per centage of drones than is usually the lot of villages of the size of this. The great leading business is the manufacture of gloves and mittens from the raw material to the finished article. There is no mammoth establishment overshadowing everything. The business is distributed among 200 firms; the largest firm makes 12,000 dozen gloves yearly, worth \$125,000. The glove manufacture was started by Ezekiel Case, from Cincinnati, at Johnstown, in 1803. He understood tanning deer skins, and thinking this an eligible point to obtain the raw material, is supposed to be the reason for starting business in this (then) secluded place. It is about 30 years since Gloversville was selected as a site for a village. It has now a population of 4,000, and the business and population are on the increase. The making and ornamenting is principally done by females with machines, at very remunerating prices, which makes domestic help in families both scarce and dear.

The revival which has been in progress the last few weeks in all the churches, would, I think, interest very many were you here. Rev. A. B. Earle, a Baptist from Massachusetts, was invited here to spend a few days, and union meetings were held every day and evening, during the ten days he was here, in all the churches by turns. During that time such an awakening in all the churches was aroused that meetings have been held in ten evenings in the week ever since. Last Thursday evening a union meeting was held in the Methodist church, at which there were fully twelve hundred persons in attendance. It was a novelty to me to see that number out at an evening prayer and conference meeting, evincing an earnestness in the cause of religion that could not be mistaken. The meetings are conducted in a very quiet manner, with no harsh invective or anathematizing spirit, like that of Finney, Burdard and Knapp, near half a century ago; but the spirit of love and good will to all is more prominent than I ever knew before in a revival like this.

Yours truly, HIRAM WALKER.

WANTED.—Immediately, in the village of Vermilion, a few persons of fair character, age or sex immaterial, at a salary of \$500 a year, to mind his or her own business. Also a few to let other people's business alone, with an increase equivalent to \$100,000 per annum. For further particulars inquire of Mr. Trouble Nobody, No. 1, Vermilion.

—Moore's Rural New Yorker for \$2.00. A \$5.00 picture for 50 cts. additional. Subscribe at 54¢.

L. L. VIRGIL'S.

Auction Sales.

The undersigned, administrators of the estate of Wolston Hollister, deceased, will sell at public auction, at his late residence, in the town of New Haven, two miles east of New Haven village, on Tuesday, January 7th, 1873, at 10 o'clock a. m. the following property: 13 cows, 1 bull calf, 1 span of horses, 1 improved buckeye mowing machine, 1 lumber wagon, 1 democrat wagon, 1 horse rake, 2 plows, 1 shovel plow, 1 cultivator, 1 set two horse harness, 1 set hob sleighs, 1 hog, 25 hens, 25 tons hay, 65 sap buckets, 2 milk cans, 1 cross-cut saw, 1 stone boat, milk pans, grain cradles, scythes, shovels, forks, potato hooks and other articles too numerous to mention.

HENRY HOLLISTER, CHAUNCEY H. PENDLETON, LOIS HOLLISTER, Administrators.

The undersigned having sold their farm, will sell at public auction at their residence in the village of Parish, on Saturday, Jan. 11, 1873, at 10 o'clock a. m.: 2 cows, 3 horses (one 6 year old, 1 span 4-year old), 1 cutter, 1 single harness, 1 set double harness, 1 string of bells, 1 set lumber bogs, 1 open buggy, 1 lumber wagon, plow, drag, corn cultivator, 1 hog, a number of hens, a quantity of hay, and other articles too numerous to mention.

PARISH, DEC. 26, 1872.

Out of and in Central Square.

DEAR BRO. HUMPHRIES.—Out of and yet bringing pleasure to a little circle in our village, is your excellent paper in its new clothes. How I have brightened it and your readers! Accept the hearty congratulations of your correspondent on the happy results reflected from every page of the *INDEPENDENT*.

Of one of the special features, the serial by Miss Beebe, allow a friend to say a word. Knowing the design of the story, your correspondent can safely promise your readers a true and beautiful pleasure in its perusal. The intention of the author is to show how character can be elevated by means of things which lie within the every-day life of all, and by which alone the most of us must work if we succeed at all. The few do the great things, the many fill up the interstices with little deeds. Anything which shows how to truly build with such materials as are within our reach, is a hand to help. Such help will be found in "Charity," Boston. God bless the writer and give strength to go on.

The Class Leaders' Convention, the first of the kind ever attempted in this section, held at the M. E. Church in this place, on the 16th and 17th of December, was a decided success. The sermon in the evening, by Rev. J. H. Lamb, was excellent, the work of the Leaders in the forenoon of the second day very profitable, while Dr. Reddy's address of the afternoon was a treat not only to the Class Leaders, but to those of the large congregation who were not Class Leaders.

A Christmas Eve festival was held in the M. E. Church, and was one of the best of its kind. The church was beautifully trimmed, the exercises promptly and perfectly carried out, the singing good, and, to crown the excellence of the whole, just before the close, Miss Grace Wood, on behalf of the Sunday-school and other friends, presented Rev. Mr. Webster a roll of greenbacks and his wife a handsome Paisley shawl. Mr. Webster has labored most faithfully in every department of Christian work, and his people appreciate his untiring efforts. In the closing words of the most fitting presentation remarks, "God will take care of the usual Quarterly Review and Conference was held in the Baptist church, Sunday morning and evening. Coming midway between Christmas and New Year's, the Concert exercises took character from both holidays, and passed off acceptably.

Do you have any snow in Mexico? ARDE.

An Oswego County Lawyer Missing.

The Watertown Post tells the following story about the operations of a limb of the law formerly of Oswego County: "J. Babcock, Esq., a native of New York, was a man of good abilities and prepossessing appearance. But like many smart and capable men of this day and generation he loved to 'fight the tiger,' and he had a hankering after 'draw poker,' which led him into bad company. He practiced drawing to a 'four flush' until he was not leaving a 'flush.' Frequently he didn't 'fill,' except with whiskey; and he went last summer to Syracuse to practice law, returning to his wife at Laconia Saturdays and remaining till Monday. After a while his wife, who is an estimable lady and who has made all kinds of sacrifices for him, went to Syracuse to be with him, and, if possible, to win him from his passion for gambling. All went well for a while until he 'was called West to locate some land.' His wife fearing that all was not right, went to his office soon after he left, and found that he had sold his law library and it had been removed. It was afterwards ascertained that Babcock had 'gone west' that he had previously purchased \$180 worth of railroad tickets from D. L. Mann, of Camden, for which he had not paid. Some time after, Mrs. Babcock, having returned to Laconia, received a letter from 'Cedarvale,' N. Y., from a stranger, stating that her husband had been drowned while attempting to cross Solomon river, and that the body or any of its effects had not been recovered. The letter was mailed at Utica, and Mrs. B., in reply to inquiries, received a letter from the Postmaster at Utica, stating that he has heard nothing of the drowning, and there is no Cedarvale or Solomon river thereabouts. It is feared there is some mistake about the drowning.

Collector's Notice.

Notice is hereby given to the taxable inhabitants of the town of Mexico, that I, the undersigned Collector of Taxes in and for said town, have received the warrant for the collection of the taxes for the present year, and that I will attend at the Store of Goit & Richardson, in the village of Mexico, Friday and Saturday of each week; at Worden's Hotel in Texas, Jan. 8th; at J. B. Davis' Hotel in Union Square, Jan. 15th; and at the Hotel of A. E. Huntley, in Colosse, Jan. 16th, for thirty days from the date hereof, from 9 o'clock a. m. till 4 p. m., for the purpose of receiving the payment of taxes.

M. D. RICHARDSON, Collector.

Mexico, Dec. 26, 1873.

BRIEFS.

—Happy New Year.

—Good-bye 1872. Welcome 1873.

—Now is the time to "swear off" all bad habits.

—It is not too late to subscribe for the *INDEPENDENT* for 1873.

—Universalist Sociable May's Hall this (Thursday) evening.

—Hannibal, last Thursday evening, donation, Rev. H. C. Abbot, \$110.

—There will be a Preparatory Lecture at the Presbyterian church to-morrow (Friday) afternoon at two o'clock.

—People who pound the floor with their feet at concerts and other entertainments, are now called "boot fiddlers."

—Don't forget that the Methodist Entertainment is to be repeated to-morrow (Friday) evening.

Special Surrogate Kenyon has removed from Phoenix and established himself in Oswego. His office is over Lyman's hat store West Bridge street.

—Prof. Squire will build four new balloons this winter, and Miss Nellie Thurston will continue to make ascensions next season.

—On Thursday last the trains on the Northern Railroad commenced running regularly from the new terminus, near the Central depot.

—A western editor, in acknowledging the gift of a peck of onions from a subscriber, says: "It is such kindnesses as these that bring tears to our eyes."

—Pretty little lace caps to wear at breakfast are very popular with young married ladies. They save an immense deal of trouble in arranging the hair.

—Rev. Jas. P. Stratton and wife, returned from Philadelphia on Tuesday, having left that city on Friday and been detained on their way by the snows.

—We print to-day extra copies of the *INDEPENDENT*, so that those becoming interested in Charity Boston can still subscribe and get the whole of the story.

—Remember that the Dedication of the Baptist Church is to take place next Wednesday. The occasion is expected to be one of deep interest.

—Weather bulletins are to be posted at all post-offices which can be reached by a daily mail, for the benefit of the agricultural interests of the country.

—A Sergeant from Fort Ontario was found lying in the snow by the Oswego police, Thursday night. They took him to the hospital. He was badly frozen. Whisky.

—"Pommes paries" are to be a feature of social entertainments this winter. The idea is for each guest to bring a pound of pastry, confectionery, or other edible. So says an exchange.

Begin the New Year right. If possible square up all your accounts, if not face them squarely and see how you stand, and don't forget to attend to that little bill you owe the printer.

—Lovers of the beautiful cannot fail to have been attracted by the appearance of evergreen trees since the snow came upon them. At no other time are they so beautiful as in winter.

—The congregation of the Methodist church, Volney, presented its pastor, Rev. H. E. Hubbard, with nearly a full set of furniture for the parsonage, Christmas.

—A correspondent asks if we have snow in Mexico. Answer: We have. Mexico always does well in the matter of snow, but this year we suppose only about as well as her neighbors; so we refrain from boasting.

—Mr. Asael Penfield, one of the old residents of this village, died on Tuesday morning. He had for a long time been a great sufferer. We tender our sympathies to the bereaved family and friends.

—We regret to learn that the editor of the *Pulsani Democrat*, Mr. L. R. Muzzy, has been confined to his room for some days past in consequence of a seriously threatened attack of inflammation of the lungs.

—The cribs of the new pier in Oswego harbor have been considerably cut up and damaged by the late storms. The upper portions were torn away and driven ashore, and in one place some portion of the stone work was carried away.

—The following directions are for all engaged in the pancake business: Take a turnip, cut in half, rub the griddle with the inner side, and you will find the cakes come off nice and smoothly, and berid of the disagreeable odor of burning fat.

—A country paper says: One of our residents, about a month West, desired to sell a sitting in one of the most eligible groceries in town. The stove is one of the most powerful in the market, and the cracker and sugar barrels are within easy distance."

—The knitting factory of H. S. Conde & Son, Fulton, was burned on the afternoon of the 30th ult., causing a total loss. The original cost of the building was \$12,000; insured for \$17,000. The loss on stock and machinery is \$60,000; insured for \$40,000.

—A flourishing Debating Society has been for some months in existence in the school house near Mr. C. C. Eddy's, and we are glad to learn that a number of young men from the village have part in its exercises. Next Saturday evening they discuss the question "Which is preferable country or city life?" We would rather hear the arguments than the decision.

—A fire broke out in the block occupied by Hamilton Coe & Co., Oswego, booksellers, on the East Side, at two o'clock Monday morning, and destroyed the block with nearly all its contents, including the jewelry store of H. W. Paul and the drug store of H. C. Whitney. The loss on the stock is \$30,000; insurance, \$21,800. Loss on building \$13,000, insurance, \$11,000.

—Wednesday evening Dec. 25, the Sabbath School at Denton's Corners, Palermo, gave a concert and recitations of select pieces to quite a large audience. The singing, conducted by Prof. J. T. Wilcox, was very good. The recitations of the wee ones, conducted by D. L. Brown, were, considering the time for preparation, very good. Several pieces performed on the organ and sung by Miss Getman, one by Miss Merriam, and one sung by Miss Burroughs, were very highly applauded.—*Oswego Press*.

PARISH.

The present cold weather has been very severe. It is what is called by farmers, "regular wood eater." Snow is twenty inches deep.

Christmas here was about like other days. The old man, Santa Claus, was about the night before. Our friend Virgil will find out that the old man is a partner in numberless firms. The old man never grows old, though some years his whiskers are whiter than others. This year they were very white.

Our depot is doing a good business, and the business will increase now that connection is made with the N. Y. Central.

Mr. William Pickens is putting up a building near the depot, which is reported to be for a saloon.

Mr. A. H. Morse has sent a challenge to Rev. J. B. McCollough for a debate. The challenge grows out of a sermon preached by Elder McCollough, wherein was said Mrs. Woodhull was a licentious woman, and that Spiritualists dare not compare their inspirations with Bible inspirations, and that their morals are below public morals. Mr. Morse takes the ground that the assertions are not true, and he feels more particularly hurt at the assertion that the morals of Spiritualists are below public morals. We hope the debate will take place. We want to see the gladiators measure swords. There are but few persons that can repeat more Scripture than Mr. Morse. If the morals of the Spiritualists or any other religious class are bad, let them be exposed. Let us have the evidence; mere assertions will not answer, and we have no business to prejudice people's minds by mere assertion without evidence. Whatever Mrs. Woodhull may be, it is unfair to judge Spiritualists by her. The great mass of Spiritualists do not approve of her course. The *Religio Philosophical Journal*, a leading organ of the Spiritualists, has made several onslaughts upon her during the year past. While she was incarcerated in New York but few Spiritualists visited her. She may be incarcerated unjustly and deserve our sympathy. Time will show this. It is unjust to judge of people by dogmas which do not necessarily belong to or connect with their faith because they may pass by some name. The gist of Spiritualism is, that all mind, whether God or angel, or departed spirit or human mind, hold converse and communication with each other, and they are interested in each other. Free love, or rather free love, future rewards and punishments, the Bible infallible, or Church of the Saviour; does not necessarily belong to or connect with Spiritualism. A Spiritualist may be either orthodox or heterodox, Calvinist or Arminian, or neither, an infidel or rationalist. Spiritualists have no common creed. They are individually independent. If they are forced to organize into religious bodies, it will be through the bitter denunciations and persecutions of their opponents, for the purpose of self-defence.

Parish, Dec. 27, 1872. ODD.

Prices Reduced.

I will let horse and cutter to Pulsani, Jennings Corners, Parish and New Haven for \$1.50; and Colson, Texas and Union Square and Holmesville for \$1.25; to Oswego, Fulton, Sandy Creek and Phoenix, \$2.50.

At the MEXICO HOUSE LIVERY BARN, B. DELINE.

Mexico, Jan. 1, 1873.

M. W. Pruyne & Son have an advertisement in another column concerning their harness business, of which Geo. W. Pruyne is agent. They have a fine stock of harnesses, whips, trunks, &c.

HARNESS!

M. W. Pruyne & Son,

Keeps always on hand a large stock of HARNESSES, HALTERS, COLLARS, BLANKETS, BELLS, TRAVELING BAGS, and all other articles in their line. Call and see. Pruyne Block.

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